

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0075] beginning on page 17, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

--[0075] Prior to inflation, the tear initiation member 146 serves to define the shape of the space 194 within which the cushion 140 and the inflator 142 are disposed. The central portion 205 of the cover 148 may be stretched relatively tightly along the space between the stiff portion 208 of the tear initiation member 146 and the end of the lip 158. Thus, the cushion 140 need not press outward against the central portion 205. Accordingly, it is relatively unlikely that the folds 192 of the cushion 140 will be visible to a person looking at the outside surface of the cover 148. Additionally, any folding irregularities in the cushion 140 are unlikely to be visible through the cover 148.--

Please replace paragraph [0064] beginning on page 15, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--[0064] As shown, the second piece 152 is shaped to form an inflator alcove 154 in which the inflator 142 rests. The inflator alcove 154 has a generally hemi-cylindrical shape, which flares out to form attachment flanges 156 that extend generally parallel to the first piece 150. The second piece 152 is attached to the first piece 150 and to the cushion 140 via attachment devices 68 like those of the previous embodiment.--